Celebration of Life

Carolyn Marie Smith James

February 6, 1947 ~ September 14, 2021

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The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though: I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: though anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. **Psalm 23**

Carolyn Marie Smith James was born to the proud parents of Thomas Bynder and Corado Harris, in Warren, Arkansas on February 6, 1947. She came to California at the age of 5 after the passing of her mother and was raised by her uncle George H. and aunt Novelean Harris.

Carolyn was raised in Richmond, California and attended Roosevelt Elementary School, Harry Ells High School and later attended UC Business School of Certification.

Carolyn served the Lord all of her life and was baptized at the North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church in 1952 and served there faithfully until she moved her membership to Berkeley Mount Zion Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member.

She had one son, Robert Duwayne Harrell-Smith with Robert Harrell. She married Ted J. Smith and to this union she became a Mom to her bonus children, Lydia, Lee, Terry, Melody, Michael and Denise Smith. Carolyn later married, Robert (Bob) James and he remained the love of her life until her passing.

With her business skills, Carolyn and Ted Smith started Smith Action Maintenance Company, they also started another business, CJ's Lounge in Richmond, California with longtime family friends, Juanita & Leroy Fuller and she was also the founder of Carolyn's Technical Services. She was active in her community, often interacting with city and state government officials.

Carolyn was a classy lady who loved to wear her suits, fur coats and hats and always wore them with a big smile. She was also a sports fan, loved going to special events, but most importantly Carolyn loved to attend worship services at church.

Love ones who preceded her in death; her parents, Thomas Bynder and Corado Harris; uncle George H. and aunt Novelean Harris; brothers, Billy Morgan, Bobby Morgan, Charlie Harris and Edwin Bynum; and sister, Karen Henderson.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories; husband, Bob James; son, Robert Duwayne (Amelia) Harrell-Smith; brothers, James Harris, Sr., Earl Morgan and Henry Beavers; brother-in-law, Barrington Campbell; sister-in-law, Barbara James; children, Madeline McNeal, Lydia (Billy) Smith-Befford, Lee Smith, Terri (Maureen) Smith, Melody (Roderick) Smith-Cooper, Michael Smith, Denise Smith, Bob Jr., Jerrmell James and Anthony James; grandchildren, Rashad Smith, Robert Smith, Rahdience Smith, Antonio Gordon, Courtney Gordon, Kavion Gordon and Kalyia Bedford; goddaughter, Niani (Marcus) Wear and a host of great-grand children, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Celebration

Processional.....Minister, Family and Friends

Prayer.....Pastor Raymond Landry

Scripture Reading.....Old/New Testament.....Bishop James Williams

Selection.....Sis. Free.....Rev. Jonathan McGriff

Proclamation.....Councilman Nat Bates
Jim McMillan

Obituary.....Sis. Carlin Colbert

Cards, Acknowledgements
& Resolutions.....Sis. Carlin Colbert

Word of Encouragement to the Family.....Pulpit

Expressions.....(2 minutes please).....Family/Friends

Selection.....Whenever I Hear of My Homegoing.....Sis. Chrishenda Smith

Eulogy.....Pastor Raymond Landry

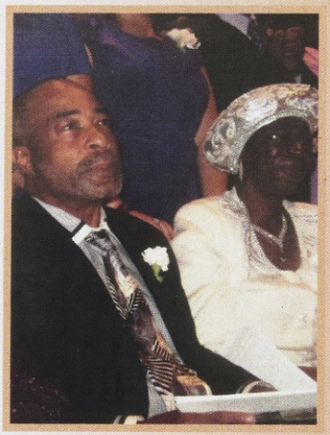
Selection.....When I Know I've been Changed.....Sis. Chrishenda Smith

Parting View.....Rose Manor Funeral Home

Recessional.....Minister, Family and Friends

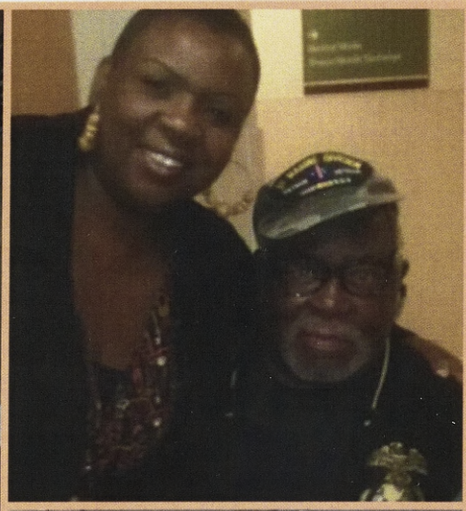
When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not here to see,
if the sun should rise and find your eyes filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get a chance to say.
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time you think of me, I 'll be thinking of you too.
When tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
for each time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

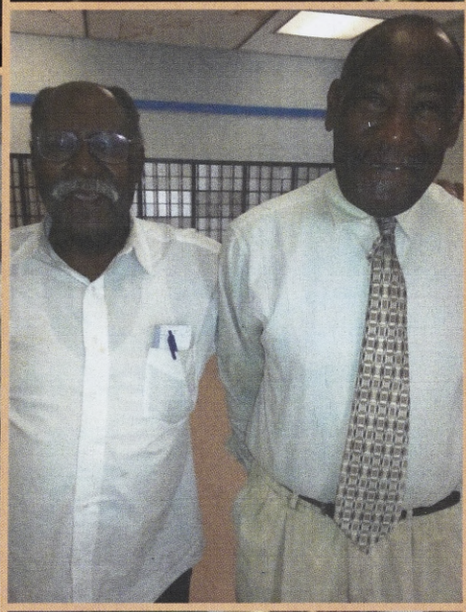
Love, Carolyn



If flowers grow in heaven,
Lord, then pick a bunch for me.
Then place them in my mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.
Tell her that I love and miss her
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her forehead and hold
her for awhile

Love you momma
Duwayne





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Pallbearers

Duwayne Smith
Robert Smith
Keith Gafford
James R. Harris, Jr
Ivan Winzer
Donovan Morgan

Honorary Pallbearers

Rashad D. Smith
Antonio Gordon
Lazarus Hardy
Kavion Gordon
Terrence Smith
James R. Harris, Sr.
Henry Beavers
Earl Morgan
Sucar Daniels

Homegoing Celebration

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 @ 11:00 am

Independent Holiness Church
605 S. 16th Street
Richmond, California 94804

Pastor Raymond Landry ~ Officiant

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Moose Lodge
4660 Appian Way
El Sobrante, California 94806

In Appreciation

The family of **Carolyn Marie Smith James** would like to sincerely thank you for your prayers, love and support during this time of bereavement. Please continue to pray for us and may God bless you.

Internment

Rolling Hill Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, California 94806

Arrangements Entrusted to

Rose Manor Funeral Homes
3331 MacDonald Avenue
Richmond, California 94804

Programs by
Charlotte Jones